(6) The Border Area Development Programme and Border Road Programme will be extended to some more areas on the Indo- Myanmar border.

(7) A special cell will be set up in Reserve Bank of India to ensure improved credit flow.

(8) A new industrial policy for this region will be announced.

(9) An integrated tourism development Plan for the entire North-east region is being formulated.

(10) An export policy including border trade for NE region will be worked out.

(11) Railway services in the region will be imporved.

(12) Government have also decided to take up a number of important projects for implementation in different North-East States.

Fine on Foreign Ships Fishing in Indian Waters

2971. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fine has been imposed on the foreign ships found fishing in the Indian territoral waters during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the amount collected on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) Information in being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Supply of Natural Gas Through Pipeline in Gujarat

2972. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for utilisation of natural gas for domestic purposes and its distribution through pipeline in Ahmedabad and Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b) whether the scheme is in operation in Vadodara and Surat;

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to supply domestic gas to consumers, as in Vadodara and Surat; and

(d) if not, the difficulties being faced by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) As the gas projected to be available is fully allocated, it is not feasible to allocate gas for new projects at present.

Flaws in Panchayati Raj

2973. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 8th November, 1996 about the "Flawed Panchayati Raj"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been the endeavour of the Government of India to make the Panchayati Raj system more effective and responsive instruments for people's participation in local self-government.

डिग्बोई तेल शोध कारखाने में आग लगना

2974. श्री रामजी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में डिग्बोई तेल शोधक कारखाने में आग लगने की बहुत बड़ी घटना घटी है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) आग लगने से कुल कितनी वित्तीय क्षति हुई है;

(ग) आग लगने के क्या कारण पाये गये हैं; और